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In re Patent Application of:
Yasuhiro Koizumi, et al

Application No.: 09/812,668

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For: ION PLATING DEVICE AND ION PLATING
METHOD

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Office action dated September 17, 2003. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office action. This response is therefore timely filed within the extended period of response. This amendment is accompanied by a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$420.00 for the requisite petition fee. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.